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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/619,573	Applicant(s) KUKLIN ET AL.	
	Examiner david shay	Art Unit 3735	

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on September 9, 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,6,10,11,14,15 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,6,10,11,14,15 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on July 14, 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The drawings are objected to because the legends therein are not easily legible, and the lines are not uniformly dark. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “determining the period of thermal relaxation of the human tissue following the exposure thereof to said first portion of said pulse of laser light”; “an Ng:YAG crystal; and how to produce simultaneously 1064 nm and 1320 nm at substantial intensities at both wavelengths must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The amendment filed September 9, 2005 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: “determining the period of thermal relaxation of the human tissue following the exposure thereof to said first portion of said pulse of laser light”; “a Ng:YAG crystal”; and “using a Ng:YAG crystal, generating a pulse of laser light, said pulse having ... a wavelength of approximately 1078 nm ... and a wavelength of approximately 1340 nm”.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

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35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the disclosed invention is inoperative and therefore lacks utility. The exact manner in which the thermal relaxation time is determined after the first portion of the laser pulse has been applied, but the second portion of the pulse is applied during this period, the duration of which is not yet known, until after the period has already been determined, at which point it is too late to apply the second portion of the pulse during the period is unclear

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The originally filed disclosure is silent on how to produce simultaneously 1064 nm and 1320 nm at substantial intensities at both wavelengths; “a Ng:YAG crystal”; and “using a Ng:YAG crystal, generating a pulse of laser light, said pulse having ... a wavelength of approximately 1078 nm ... and a wavelength of approximately 1340 nm” and there is no disclosure enabling one having ordinary skill in the manner in which “determining the period of thermal relaxation of the human tissue following the exposure thereof to said first portion of said pulse of laser light”; “a Ng:YAG crystal”; and “using a Ng:YAG crystal, generating a pulse of

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laser light, said pulse having ... a wavelength of approximately 1078 nm ... and a wavelength of approximately 1340 nm” would occur.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

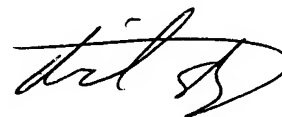
In claims 1 and 6 “the period of thermal relaxation” and “the exposure” both lack positive antecedent basis. Also in claims 1 and 6, the exact manner in which the thermal relaxation time is determined after the first portion of the laser pulse has been applied, but the second portion of the pulse is applied during this period, but after the period has already been determined is unclear. In claim 6 it is unclear what is intended to be encompassed by the recitation of an “Ng:YAG crystal”. Claim 21 is indefinite as it fails to further limit the claim from which it depends, as claim 1 already requires that the second laser pulse “will accomplish skin rejuvenation, and therefore what further limitation is intended to be implied by reciting that the tissue comprises human skin is unclear.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to david shay whose telephone number is 571-272-4773. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak, can be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David M. Shay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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